



## COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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Mrs. Helen H. Stathatos

Mr. Frank S. Bacio  
Mr. Vito Cannella  
Ms. Rita Hall  
Mr. John A. Hammargren  
Mr. Carl E. Moore

### **MINUTES OF THE** **SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS** **REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING** **JANUARY 2, 2008**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Montañó called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

#### **OPENING CEREMONIES**

Chair Montañó led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

##### **Present**

Chair Eleanor R. Montañó  
Vice Chair Helen Stathatos  
Rita Hall  
John Hammargren

##### **Excused Absence**

Frank Bacio  
Vito Cannella  
Carl E. Moore

##### **Others Present**

Sandra Barbee, Chief, Commission Services  
Andrew Sevrin, Commission Services Staff  
Garen Khachian, Commission Services Staff

Commissioner Hall joined the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

#### **APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 12, 2007 MEETING MINUTES**

**On motion of Commissioner Hammargren, seconded by Commissioner Hall, and unanimously carried, the minutes of December 12, 2007 were approved, with no changes.**

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair Montañó reported on the following event and three (3) articles:

- On December 16, 2007, Chair Montañó attended the NBC Conference "Family Unit One Race the Human Race", at the National Sheraton in Washington D.C. with world leaders and representatives from 70 Nations.
- "Camp Holton Probation Officers Won't Be Charged", Los Angeles Times, December 29, 2007, regarding an investigation into alleged abuse at The San Fernando Facility.
- "Foster Care", Los Angeles Times, January 1, 2008, regarding requiring counties to apply for federal disability assistance on behalf of foster children who qualify. This is intended to help youths ages 16 ½ through 17 ½ in their transition to adulthood. (AB 1331)
- "Police Deaths Rise On Increase In Traffic Crashes", Los Angeles Times, January 1, 2008, regarding a record number of fatal traffic incidents which led to one of the deadliest years for law enforcement officers in more than a decade.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

There was none.

### **STAFF REPORT**

Mr. Andrew Sevrin, Staff, Commission Services, gave the following reports:

- Chair Montañó and Vice-Chair Stathatos will be attending the "Sexual Harassment and Cultural Diversity Training" on January 16, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. in the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Room B-24.
- A draft of the Sybil Brand Annual Report for 2007 will be presented to the Commission at the next meeting.

### **SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION GOALS FOR 2008**

After discussion by the Commission, staff was instructed to prepare a draft to be presented to the Commission for review at the next meeting.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Sybil Brand Commission received several thank you letters for the Christmas CD's.

An invitation was received from West Angeles Church of God and Christ inviting the Commission to attend services for the "Annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Day", scheduled February 17, 2008 at the West Angeles Cathedral, 3600 Crenshaw Blvd, Los Angeles.

**FACILITY INSPECTION REPORTS FROM DECEMBER 12 TO JANUARY 1, 2008**

**Manna Manor – 39, #1 - Commissioner Montaño**

The facility was visited on December 20, 2007 and found to be in excellent condition.

**Rosemary Children's Services – 54, #3 – Commissioner Stathatos**

The facility was visited on December 21, 2007 and found to be in satisfactory condition.  
All areas of concern from the November 8, 2007 inspections are being corrected.

**South Bay Bright Future #2 Youth Center – 57, #5 – Commissioner Montaño**

The facility was visited on December 21, 2007 and found to be in satisfactory condition.

**Boys Republic – 5, #1 - Commissioner Montaño**

The facility was visited on December 26, 2007 and found to be in satisfactory condition.

**Downey Los Angeles County Courthouse – Commissioner Bacio and Hall**

The facility was visited on December 27, 2007 and found to be in satisfactory condition.

**Areas of Concern:** One (1) additional deputy in the main lockup needed; new radios needed.

**Summer's Licata Youth Home – 26, #5 – Commissioner Montaño**

The facility was visited on December 27, 2007 and found to be in satisfactory condition.

**Area of Concern:** The quick release window bar needs to be fixed.

**Orange County Children's Foundation – 48, #1 – Commissioner Montaño**

The facility was visited on December 28, 2007, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

**Rosemary Children's Services – 53, #5 – Commissioner Stathatos**

The facility was visited on December 31, 2007 and found to be in satisfactory condition.

**Area of Concern:** Excessive amount of frozen food; no fresh food available.

**NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There was none.

**MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA (To be presented and placed on a future agenda)**

The Sybil Brand Commission Website.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Montaño adjourned the meeting at 11:32 a.m. in memory of all law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

Respectfully submitted,

*Janice Davis*  
Commission Services Division